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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRAUN ET AL.

Examiner

Thao T. Tran

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 31-49 and 51-88 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 72-86 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31-49, 51-71, 87 and 88 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Amendments filed on 1/14/2010.
2. Claims 31-49, 51-88 are currently pending in this application. Claims 31, 51, 52, 87, and 88 have been amended. Claim 50 has been canceled. Claims 72-86 have been previously withdrawn with traverse.
3. In view of the Amendments, the previous rejection has been withdrawn. A new rejection is set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 31-49, 51-71 and 87-88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Aydin et al. (US Pat. 4,980,404).

Aydin discloses a one-component adhesive composition, comprising an aqueous dispersion of a copolymer containing (meth)acrylate and vinyl esters and has a glass transition temperature of up to 40oC. The vinyl esters used include vinyl acetate (see col. 2, ln. 8-34, ln. 56-57).

Examples 1-5 show that after being applied to silicone paper, the dispersion is dried in the air for 3 minutes. After which, a woven cotton fabric is placed in the still moist adhesive layer and the adhesive is dried at room temperature, indicating that the moisture has been

reduced to an equilibrium point. Aydin further discloses that other resins such as hydrocarbon resins and rosin derivatives may be added to the dispersion to improve the adhesive properties (see col. 3, ln. 57-60), and the adhesive composition has a long shelf life (see col. 3, ln. 57-64). The hydrocarbon and rosin resins are conventionally known as tackifiers, indicating that the adhesive composition can be sufficient without the addition of these resins. And the fact that the adhesive composition has a long shelf life and can be dried at room temperature illustrates that it has an enduring adhesion properties which appear to read on the presently claimed properties of "being block-free" and static friction.

Moreover, since the reference teaches the same adhesive composition, it would inherently have the same chemical and physical properties as presently claimed. It is further noted that in a product claim, determination of patentability depends on the chemical or structural elements and not properties of the product. The burden is on Applicants to conclusively demonstrate that the product as claimed is patentably distinct from the product of the prior art.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to the previous rejection of the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-1080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Callie Shosho can be reached on 571-272-1123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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